

Memorandum

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Subject: **ROSEVILLE ENERGY FACILITY (01-AFC-14)**
STATUS REPORT #3

The issues identified to date in this project are: Project Overview, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Land Use, Transmission System Engineering, and Water and Soil Resources. Energy Commission and Western Area Power Administration (Western) staffs are jointly reviewing this project. Western, as the lead federal agency, assures that the project complies with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

Project Overview

Staff had planned, as was stated in staff's Status Report #2, to conduct another data response, data request, and issues workshop before the scheduled mid March Committee Status Conference. (The Committee Status Conference will be scheduled for sometime in April.) A workshop was planned for March 11, 2002, however, at the time of filing staff's Status Report #2, staff was unaware of the number of outstanding and incomplete data responses. According to the applicant's Status Report #2, 10 of the data requests filed three months ago, were responded to with partially answered responses, and responses to the remaining 8 are being developed and may not be filed until March 15. Staff is evaluating the responses received, knowing that if the project is changing in scope as the gas supply and transmission system impact study indicate, the evaluation must be revisited.

Air Quality

The completeness of the air offset package offered by the applicant continues to be a staff concern. In a February 22, 2002 letter to the applicant, the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) identified shortfalls in the quantity of credits offered and disparities in the applicant's submittals on the total quantity of credits needed. PCAPCD also identified potential obstacles with securing credits from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, whose board approval is needed before the credits could be transferred to Placer County.

The applicant has provided funding for the PCAPCD to continue work on its Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC). The PCAPCD has requested that the applicant provide information regarding the project's offsets. However, because the PCAPCD requests more information from the applicant before mid-March, the schedule for completion of the PDOC will not be known until after that time.

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Biological Resources

The critical issues in evaluating the biological impacts of the project involve the definitions of the linear facilities. Energy Commission and Western staff needs a complete biological assessment that reflects the project.

Outstanding Data Responses

Staff has issued 156 data requests to the applicant--104 were issued three months ago and 52 two months ago. To date, the applicant has provided partial responses to some of the data requests. Staff plans to file additional data requests for the Project Description, Biological Resources, Land Use, Noise, Plant Efficiency, and Transmission System Engineering. Many of the questions are aimed toward securing the necessary information for changes to the natural gas line and electrical transmission line routing.

Future Workshops

Staff plans to conduct another data response, data request, and issues workshop prior to the Committee Status Conference to be scheduled in April. The date will be established when staff knows whether or not it has received the applicant's responses.

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